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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PL, UR, US

SUBJECT: KATYN FOREST MASSACRE

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 23 NOON BRIEFING IN ANTICIPATION OF A QUESTION PROMPTED BY THE RECENT JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE. THERE WAS NO QUESTION ABOUT KATYN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: Q. HAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EVER TAKEN A POSITION ON THE MASSACRE OF POLISH OFFICERS IN THE KATYN FOREST IN 1940? A. AN EXHAUSTIVE INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS TRAGIC EVENT WAS CONDUCTED BY A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE IN THE EARLY 1950'S. THE COMMITTEE

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CONCLUDED THAT THE OVERWHELMING BURDEN OF EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS WERE RESPONSIBLE. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ANY FORMAL POSITION ON THIS WAS ENUNCIATED BY ANY U.S. ADMINISTRATION. END TEXT. VANCE

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